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WHITEHOUSE PASS TO NSC - RICE AND SHEEHAN;  
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SUBJECT: RWANDA - ETHIOPIAN BATTALION LEAVING UNAMIR

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. USUN POLCOUNS RAISED WITH A/SYG RIZA ON JULY 7 USG PREFERENCE THAT ETHIOPIA REMAIN A UNAMIR TROOP CONTRIBUTOR, AT BATTALION SIZE LEVEL IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. HE ALSO ASKED RIZA ABOUT INFORMATION THAT INDIA HAD BEEN ASKED TO INCREASE ITS PARTICIPATION BY ADDITION OF A MEDICAL UNIT.
3. RIZA EXPLAINED THAT, FOLLOWING THE UNSC DECISION TO REDUCE STRONGLY THE SIZE OF UNAMIR, THE SECRETARIAT DECIDED TO DOWNSIZE ALL CONTINGENTS. THE ETHIOPIAN BATTALION HAD PERFORMED WELL, BUT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT PREFERRED TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY RATHER THAN TO PARTICIPATE WITH A SMALLER UNIT. THE ONE POSSIBILITY THAT NOW REMAINED WAS THAT GHANA MIGHT AGREE TO WITHDRAW A COMPANY, MAKING AVAILABLE SPACE FOR AN ETHIOPIAN COMPANY.
4. THE INDIAN BATTALION WAS THE ONE NON-AFRICAN ELEMENT IN THE DOWNSIZED UNAMIR. UNLIKE THE ETHIOPIAN BATTALION, THIS FORCE WAS ORGANIZED SO AS TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE FOR SIMULTANEOUS DEPLOYMENT IN SMALL UNITS TO MULTIPLE LOCATIONS. NO OTHER FORCE AVAILABLE FOR THE OPERATION OFFERED THE SAME DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY.
5. AS FOR THE MEDICAL UNIT, FOLLOWING A DECISION BY CANBERRA TO WITHDRAW THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL UNIT, THE UN HAD TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR A MEDICAL UNIT. GIVEN INDIA'S  
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PARTICIPATION IN UNAMIR, THE UNIT MOST READILY AVAILABLE  
TO THE UN WAS FROM THE INDIAN ARMY.

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